

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Reminder

As we strive to keep our city clean & beautiful please do not place trash/yard waste/recycle receptacles on the curb before dusk of the evening before pick-up. Once the trash/yard waste/recycle receptacles have been emptied they should be removed from the curb the same day it was picked up. Failure to comply with the above could result

in the resident receiving a summons to appear in court.

Thank you for helping to keep OUR city Clean & Beautiful.

Littering

Please help us keep the City of Vinita Park clean. Please do not litter in our parks, streets, and bike/walk trail. The City of Vinita Park has asked that you

report any littering to City Hall/Police Department.

Gerald B. French
Public Works Director

CITY HALL NEWS

Payments to City Hall

The forms of payments to the City of Vinita Park must be **cash, money orders, credit/debit card, or a business check. No personal checks will be accepted for payment.** We apologize for any inconvenience.

Code Adoption

Ordinance No. 1247, Adoption of the National Electrical Code/2008, NFPA 70 and Ordinance No. 1248, Adoption of the International Code Council (ICC) Codes were passed at the March 16, 2015 Board Meeting. The following code books will be on file at the City Hall for public to view 2009 ICC Code Book and 2008 National Electrical Code Book (NEC).

BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps

- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Once you have gathered the supplies for a basic emergency kit, you may want to consider adding the following items:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. You can use the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit - EFFAK (PDF - 977Kb) developed by Operation Hope, FEMA and Citizen Corps to help you organize your information.
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or free information from this web site. (See Publications)
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted, nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Alternatively, in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire extinguisher

- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

For more information, go to <http://www.ready.gov/kit#> or call (800) 621-FEMA (3362).

Non-Emergency Dispatch

If there are any non-emergencies which require a police officer, please contact dispatch at 314-427-8000.

Municipal Consolidated Courts

For all Municipal Court matters please call 314-428-6811

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 2-Trash & Recycle Pickup
- May 3-Municipal Court City of St. Ann 10:00am/ Street Sweeping
- May 4-Street Sweeping
- May 5-Yard Waste Pickup
- May 9-Trash & Recycle Pickup
- May 11-Housing Court City of St. Ann 10:30am/Senior Luncheon City Hall 12:00pm Noon
- May 12-Yard Waste Pickup
- May 13-Citywide Garage Sale
- May 14-Mother's Day
- May 15-Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30pm
- May 16-Trash & Recycle Pickup
- May 17-Municipal Court City of St. Ann 10:00am
- May 19-Yard Waste Pickup
- May 23-Trash & Recycle Pickup
- May 26-Yard Waste Pickup
- May 29-Memorial Day/City Hall Closed
- May 30-Trash & Recycle Pickup



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Leading The Way In St. Louis County

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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NEWS WORTH KNOWING

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR

I would like to say congratulations to all Elected Official who won their race for Alderman in their Ward. Also I would like to thank Alderwoman Veronica Conner for her service on the City of Vinita Park Board of Aldermen for the last two years.

Vinita Park is now a Tree City USA. Residents of Vinita Park should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and caring of trees a priority. We received a Tree City USA Award and a flag at the Recognition Ceremony honoring the St. Louis area Tree City USA.

I would like to thank our Chief of Police and the North County Cooperative Police Department for movie night at the 24:1 Cinema with all of our Boys and Girls Club in Vinita Park and the children of Beverly Hills. We introduced our most successful children in the City of Vinita Park, Robert Davis, and Allen Buckner. All of the children had a great time with popcorn and soda. Vinita Park has teamed up with Ameren Missouri to teach our Boys and Girls Club how to play chess. Ameren Missouri will pay for this program.

Missouri Sewer District (MSD) will be laying pipes from University City through Vinita Park bike trail for storm water runoffs. They have removed all of the trees along the trail and will replace and restore the trail and trees when the project is completed.

I will be the keynote speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1 Five Year Anniversary Dinner. I will be speaking on connecting with the community and also being the recipient of the "Connecting with the Community Award" for working

together and moving our city forward with such success in 2016.

I traveled to Louisville, Kentucky along with the Elected Officials, to speak on how to move your city forward, more efficient, and effective together. We also applied for a \$250,000 grant on Arts and Performing Arts from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, who paid for all of the travel, food, and hotel expenses.

Our city park behind City Hall will be closed for renovation and will reopen in July with a new pavilion. The Village of Vinita Terrace will become The City of Vinita Park on May 8th, 2017 and we will have a celebration on May 10th, 2017 at 10:00am in front of The Village of Vinita Terrace Village Hall on Page at Midland.

The City of Vinita Park has received funds to assist low-income homeowners with repairs to bring their homes up to code. Please contact Nicole Wiseman at 314-376-5836 with questions or to obtain an application.

As a reminder we give out bread, chips, and donuts on Thursday and Friday each week at City Hall.

We are doing great things together in Vinita Park, let us continue on working to move our city forward together by building stronger communities, engaging families, and success in children.

James W. McGee
Mayor/City Administrator

YOUR ALDERMEN'S CORNER



Hello Vinita Park Residents Happy Easter

What a wonderful time we had at Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The children were laughing and playing while picking up Easter eggs and having lots of fun. Alderwoman Fairley does a great job every year on the Easter Egg Hunt. She always says, "No child will leave here without a gift or prize". I would like to take this time out to thank her for doing a great job

April 4, 2017 Election

I would like to offer congratulations to all newly elected and re-elected City Officials, Alderwoman Fairley, Alderman Brian Gremaud, and newly elected Alderwoman Marcietta Reed.

May 14, 2017 is Mother's Day I would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers out there whether you are past, present, or soon to be a mother. May your day be filled with peace, love, and happiness.

Words are never enough to thank you

Father's Day

is June 18, 2017. Happy Father's Day

"A Father is the one friend upon whom we can always rely. In the hour of need, when all else fails, we remember him upon whose knees we sat when children, and who soothed our sorrows; and even though he may be unable to assist us, his mere presence serves to comfort and strengthen us" (Emile Gaboriau)

Busting in Blooming Garden Contest

Just a reminder: The City of Vinita Park will be having its Busting in Blooming Garden Contest, Saturday June 17, 2017. Please mark your calendars. Last day to register is Friday, June 16, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Contest Rules

The judges will be judging on neatest, style, creativity, and color combination.

1. Your home must be neat and clean of debris
2. Any shape, size, style, or color flowers
3. Rock garden is acceptable
4. Your home must be free of pre-existing decorations (no Christmas Lights, Halloween, Easter, 4th of July or any other decoration will not be judged) For more information call City Hall.

Remember Vinita Park is where you live so let us keep it clean.

Vinita Park Annual 4th of July Parade

Parade will start 10:00am at Yellow Keys parking lot on Page Blvd

Youth Day

Save this date: Attention all youth, the City of Vinita Park will be having it's Annual Youth Day right after the 4Th of July parade behind Vinita Park City Hall. Games, Prizes, Basketball, Clown, Face painting, Pony rides, and Refreshments

Encouraging Words

"A good life is when you smile, dream big, laugh a lot, and realize how blessed you are for what you have" Best Tumblr 24

Don't change so people will like you. Be yourself and the right people will **Love the real you.** Best Tumblr

P.S. Please keep Alderwoman Ora Mae Stokes in your prayers.

Working hard for progress and stable leadership

President of Board of Aldermen Alderwoman Celeste McGee Ward III

Hello Ward 2



Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers and grandmothers. I hope and pray you all enjoy your day with your children and the entire family. I want to say congratulations to Alderwoman Wanda Fairley on her victory in Ward 2 and also to our newly elected Alderwoman Marcietta Reed on her victory in Ward 3 great job ladies. I also want to commend Alderwoman Fairley for doing a wonderful job as Chairman of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Seniors

I would like for you all to think about a day to go to the movies. Please call City Hall this week and give your name if you are interested in going to the movies. We discussed this at our last meeting. Please do this for me and I will get back with you on a date and time for the event. Our next Senior Luncheon will be on May 11th, 2017 at 12:00pm at City Hall. You will receive a phone call on May 5th, 2017 and also on May 9th, 2017 as a reminder. Please plan to attend.

"Leadership with integrity, accessible, committed, and honesty".

Alderwoman Ora Mae Stokes Ward 2

Hello Ward II



I would like to say thank you all for re-electing me to be your Alderwoman for another four years. I won't let you guys down. We have a lot going on in the next couple of months.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. The weather was nice and the children had a wonderful time. There were three winners and they all received bicycles and, all of the children who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt received a gift. I would like to say thank you to the Public Works Department, North County Cooperative

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Police Department, Mayor McGee, and all of the Elected Officials for doing a wonderful job.

Don't forget to come to City Hall at 6:30pm every third Monday of each month to voice your opinions.

Alderwoman Wanda Fairley Ward II



Dear Residents of Vinita Park,

Thanks for coming out to vote during the April Election. The turnout was moderate, but we are always grateful to those residents that show up to the polls to express their views regarding the City of Vinita Park.

The grilling season is here and there is nothing like outdoor grilling. It is one of the most popular ways to cook food. However, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on your way to safe grilling:

Safety Tips:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railing, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease buildup from the grill and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it

Enjoy the springtime!

Alderman Rich Redel Ward I

To Whom It May Concern:

Since the inception of the North County Police Cooperative, we have partnered with Beyond Housing on many different

community related initiatives. From Movie Nights in Pagedale to a United States Armed Forces Veteran's home rehab project in Pine Lawn. We are proud to work side by side with Beyond Housing in helping make the communities we serve better every single day.

Currently, we are partnering with Beyond Housing on the "Humanity in the Middle" initiative. This project relies first on our recognition of the far too many incidences of violence by police towards people of color. These acts are at times horrific and can never be condoned by anyone. We also understand that a police officer's duties are complicated and at times very difficult. Witnessing the transgressions of humanity, often times without the opportunity to properly reflect on their impact to all involved, can be overwhelming and long lasting to a police officer's mental state. Our goal in this partnership is to recognize these challenges and bring people together in ending this struggle. Without a mutual vision, we simply cannot overcome what has been in front of us for a very long time. We are looking for your help in this great cause.

The objective is to get younger adults and teenagers involved in bridging the gap between people of color and the police. Beyond Housing and the North County Police Cooperative have planned a trip, for a group of teenagers from the North St. Louis County area, to the National Museum of African American History in Washington, D.C. The trip will be chaperoned by several members of the Beyond Housing Staff and several police officers from the North County Police Cooperative. We believe this positive interaction, in a locale that is so ingrained and so important to the fabric of our American Society, will prove to be invaluable in creating long lasting relationships that can help in overcoming any challenges we are to face in the future.

Our simple request is to please help us with funding in this unbelievable opportunity. Our goal is to cover the plane tickets, room, board and incidentals through private funding. The trip of a lifetime is in store for these teenagers and the start of a new hope and new beginning in the way we work

together is on the horizon. We need you with us!!! Thank you for your consideration in this very important initiative.

Sincerely,

Tim Swope
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Office: 314-428-7373

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Permits

Please come to City Hall to secure the proper permits PRIOR to having any work done to your property. Doing so will prevent unnecessary delays and fines. If you are not sure if you need a permit PLEASE call City Hall at 314-428-7373 to inquire.

Occupancy Inspection and Permit Required

It shall be unlawful for any person or family to occupy or for any owner or agent to permit the occupant of any building or dwelling of a unit, until the inspection is complete and an occupancy permit has been issued. The occupancy permit shall not be issued until all violations on the property have been brought into compliance.

Mosquitos

As we approach the mosquito season it is very important to remove all items from your property that may hold water. Failure to do so can result in a summons to appear in court and possible fine. Some items to look for are: tires, swimming pools, pottery, and etc.

Yard Waste

All Yard Waste should be placed in a designated yard waste can or brown yard bags for pickup. Yard Waste in plastic bags will NOT be picked up.